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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application No. 09/420,509
Filing Date 10/18/99
First Named Inventor Franz
Art Unit 2172
Examiner Name Fleurantin, J.
Attorney Docket No. 80398.P282

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37. C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 8/18/03
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply : 10/21/2003 JADD01 00000087 09420509
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) : 01 FC:1801 770.00 DP
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) : 02 FC:1251 110.00 DP
- iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____

- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) for Limited Suspension of Action
- iv. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ 880.00 enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type) Sheryl Sue Holloway

Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 37,850

Signature

Date Oct. 14, 2003

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INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR RCEs
(Not to be submitted to the USPTO)**NOTES:**

An RCE is not a new application, and filing an RCE will not result in an application being accorded a new filing date.

Filing Qualifications:

The application must be a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. The application cannot be a provisional application, a utility or plant application filed before June 8, 1995, a design application, or a patent under reexamination. See 37 CFR 1.114(e).

Filing Requirements:

Prosecution in the application must be closed. Prosecution is closed if the application is under appeal, or the last Office action is a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (e.g., an Office action under Ex parte Quayle). See 37 CFR 1.114(b).

A submission and a fee are required at the time the RCE is filed. If reply to an Office Action under 35 U.S.C. 132 is outstanding (e.g., the application is under final rejection), the submission must meet the reply requirements of 37 CFR 1.111. If there is no outstanding Office action, the submission can be an information disclosure statement, an amendment, new arguments, or new evidence. See 37 CFR 1.114(c). The submission may be a previously filed amendment (e.g., an amendment after final rejection).

WARNINGS:**Request for Suspension of Action:**

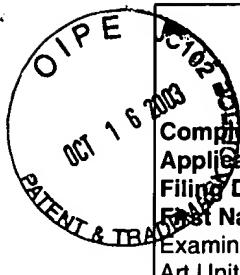
All RCE filing requirements must be met before suspension of action is granted. A request for a suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(c) does not satisfy the submission requirement and does not permit the filing of the required submission to be suspended.

Improper RCE will NOT toll Any Time Period:

Before Appeal – If the RCE is improper (e.g., prosecution in the application is not closed or the submission or fee has not been filed) and the application is not under appeal, the time period set forth in the last Office action will continue to run and the application will be abandoned after the statutory time period has expired if a reply to the Office action is not timely filed. No additional time will be given to correct the improper RCE.

Under Appeal – If the RCE is improper (e.g., the submission or the fee has not been filed) and the application is under appeal, the improper RCE is effective to withdraw the appeal. Withdrawal of the appeal results in the allowance or abandonment of the application depending on the status of the claims. If there are not allowed claims, the application is abandoned. If there is at least one allowed claim, the application will be passed to issue on the allowed claim(s). See MPEP 1215.01.

See MPEP 706.07(h) for further information on the RCE practice.



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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit Card Money Order Other None

Deposit Account

Deposit Account Number : 02-2666

Deposit Account Name:

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee	Fee	Fee	
Code	Code	(\$)	
1001	2001	385	Utility application filing fee
1002	2002	170	Design application filing fee
1003	2003	265	Plant filing fee
1004	2004	385	Reissue filing fee
1005	2005	80	Provisional application filing fee
SUBTOTAL (1)			\$ 0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	- 20** =	X	=
Independent Claims	- 3** =	X	=
Multiple Dependent			=

**Or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below.

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
Fee	Fee	Fee
Code	Code	(\$)
1202	2202	9
1201	2201	43
1203	2203	145
1204	2204	43
1205	2205	9
Claims in excess of 20		
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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Code	(\$)	Code	(\$)
1051	130	2051	65
1052	50	2052	25
1053	130	1053	130
1812	2,520	1812	2,520
1813	8,800	1813	8,800
1804	920*	1804	920*
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*
1251	110	2251	55
1252	420	2252	210
1253	950	2253	475
1254	1,480	2254	740
1255	2,010	2255	1,005
1401	330	2401	165
1402	330	2402	165
1403	290	2403	145
1451	1,510	1451	1,510
1452	110	2452	55
1453	1,330	2453	665
1501	1,330	2501	665
1502	480	2502	240
1503	640	2503	320
1460	130	1460	130
1807	50	1807	50
1806	180	1806	180
8021	40	8021	40
1809	770	2809	385
1814	110	2814	55
1810	770	2810	385
1801	770	2801	385
1802	900	1802	900
1504	300	1504	300
1505	300	1505	300
1803	130	1803	130
1808	130	1808	130
1454	1,330	1454	1,330

Other fee (specify) _____

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